



OUTREACH NOTICE OUTREACH NOTICE



**USDA FOREST SERVICE
INTERMOUNTAIN REGION, R-4
Boise National Forest, Emmett Ranger District
Forestry Technician, Fire Engine Operator GS-0462-07
Duty Station Garden Valley, ID.**

All applications MUST be submitted by 1/23/2012 to be eligible

Job Title: Forestry Tech. (Fire Engine Operator)

Series/Grade: GS-0462-7

Open Continuous Rosters

This vacancy will be filled through Region 4 Fire Hire. For more information go to:
www.fs.fed.us/r4/fire/r4fire_hire/index.shtml

This vacancy announcement is posted and may be accessed through:
www.avuecentral.com or www.usajobs.opm.gov/.

The Boise National Forest is requesting interest for a Fire Engine Operator GS-0462-07 position. This notification is being circulated to inform prospective applicants of this upcoming opportunity and to determine interest in the position.

Please fill out the attached Outreach Interest Form and send to:
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HOW TO APPLY: The position will be advertised through the AVUE Digital Services
@ <http://www.avuedigitalservices.com>.

- Please be sure to attach a Copy of the most current IQCS master record
- Select Garden Valley, ID as the correct duty station for this position.
- Make sure to re-new your application frequently.

Announcement number: Position is being flown as both:
OCRP-FEO(H)-462-7G & DP

The Process and Timeline

January 23, 2012—Application deadline. Apply through AVUE Digital Services. Applicants are encouraged to apply for multiple locations (where you will accept a position if offered), even if vacancies for certain locations are not listed as vacant, as vacancies may occur during the hiring process.

March 5, 2012—Application evaluation week. Subject matter experts will evaluate applicants using a defined set of criteria.

March 12, 2012—Selection week. Representatives from each forest will make recommendations for hiring. Applicants selected will be notified by a Forest Service representative by phone. Applicants not selected should be notified by HRM via e-mail.

April 2012—First possible effective date (excluding drug testing, transfer of station, and less than Permanent Full Time appointments).

Note: Interagency Fire Program Management (IFPM) qualifications must be met prior to selection.

Forest Service – Fire Program Management (FS-FPM) qualifications must be met by October 1, 2013.

About the position

Series/Grade: GS-0462-07

Title: Forestry Technician (Fire Engine Operator)

DUTY STATION: Garden Valley Work Center; Garden Valley, Idaho

TOUR OF DUTY: 13/13

Housing: Government Quarters are available. (Seasonal crew bunkhouse)

DAYCARE: No government sponsored day care.

FIREFIGHTER RETIREMENT COVERAGE: This is a primary/rigorous firefighter position under the provisions of 5 USC 8336(c) (CSRS) and 8412(d) (FERS).

Duties: Forestry Technician (Fire Engine Operator) GS-0462-07. This position serves as the assistant to the fire engine captain of a high complexity 7 person Type 4 model 667 Fire Engine Module in areas with the added complexities of wildland-urban interface, including proximity of high-value improvements, and regular and reoccurring all-hazard incidents and frequent interagency jurisdictional issues and coordination requirements. The incumbent has primary responsibility for driving and operation of the engine to perform wildland firefighting work. This individual reports directly to the Fire Engine Captain and is responsible for supervision, safety, and work production of the engine crew in a full range of initial and extended attack fire response, prescribed burning operations, station maintenance, and resource management work. Makes initial size-up of fire situations, analyzes fire behavior, determines suppression method and type of tools to be used, deploys engine and directs tactical operations during initial attack. Explains safety measures, and work procedures, performs applicable administrative duties. You will be responsible to act in the capacity of the FEO in their absence. This module works in a cooperative environment with a variety of partners, both internal (Boise Hotshots, Garden Valley Helitack) and external ranging from state to local VFD's.

SKILLS REQUIRED: The position meets the definition of an Interagency Fire Management Program (IFPM) position, as designated by WO Fire Management. The incumbent must meet the qualifications specified in the Qualifications Standards and Guide prior to October 1, 2010. Possess a valid state-driving license with CDL class B to serve as a driver of a 4x4 wildland fire engine with air brakes endorsement and GVW rating of 33000 GVWR. All drivers are required to meet Idaho State Department of Transportation licensing requirements. A governmental issued license must accompany this requirement. With a CDL required, the position is a Testing Designated Position (TDP) under the Department of Transportation (DOT)/Forest Service Alcohol and Controlled Substance Testing Program. The incumbent will be required to submit a urinalysis specimen at a designated medical facility, to screen for illegal drug use. These screenings are require prior to appointment and on a random basis post appointment. You will ensure the maintenance of crew fleet equipment by coordinating repairs and scheduling maintenance with approved maintenance facilities, Secures temporary replacement of vehicles as needed. Fleet equipment may include crew carrying vehicles, fire engines, pick ups, and stake side trucks. The incumbent will also maintain vehicles to the highest degree of fire readiness and appearance. The FEO is responsible for exercising procurement authority by executing blanket purchase agreements, field purchase orders, GSA requisitions, and charge card purchase absent of the SFEO with the oversight of the AFMO.

Must be able to pass physical exam and Work Capacity Test for firefighting (arduous: carrying 45 pounds 3 miles in 45 minutes). **Minimum qualifications include ENGB, ICT5, and S-211.** Incumbent will perform other duties as assigned.

ABOUT THE FOREST

The Boise National Forest includes about 2,612,000 acres of National Forest lands located north and east of the city of Boise, Idaho. Intermingled within the Forest are 348,000 acres of land either privately owned or administered of by the State of Idaho, or other federal agencies. The Supervisor's Office is located in Boise, Idaho, with district offices located at Emmett, Garden Valley (Emmett RD), Boise (Mountain Home RD), Mountain Home, Lowman, Idaho City, and Cascade, Idaho.

Most of the land supports an evergreen forest that includes pure or mixed stands of ponderosa pine, grand fir, Douglas fir, Engelmann spruce, lodgepole pine and subalpine fir. The Forest contains large numbers of big game species, such as mule deer and Rocky Mountain elk. Trout are native to most streams and lakes, while anadromous salmon and steelhead inhabit the Salmon River and its many tributaries.

Much of the District lies within the Idaho Batholith, a large and highly erodible geologic formation. Through uplift, faulting, and subsequent dissection by hydrologic action, a mountainous landscape has developed. Elevations on the forest range from 2,600 to 9,800 feet. The major river systems on the Boise National Forest are the Boise and Payette Rivers and the South and Middle Fork drainages of the Salmon River. The average annual precipitation ranges from 15 inches at lower elevations to 70 inches at higher elevations.

LOCATION: Garden Valley, Idaho

Garden Valley is situated between the confluence of the Middle Fork Payette River and South Fork Payette River surrounded by mountains covered with pine, fir, aspen, alder and other varieties of trees and shrubs. The valley has two small communities, Crouch and Garden Valley. The entire population of the area is approximately 2500.

The elevation is around 3,800 feet; there are four distinct seasons. It is 52 miles from Boise (Idaho's capital) an approximate one-hour drive on a paved two-lane highway.

There is a medical clinic with a full time Physician to handle most checkups, minor injuries and illnesses. In case of emergency, there is a life flight helicopter pad at the clinic and ambulance service as well.

The school covers grades K through 12 and a preschool for special Ed. There are two mercantile stores that carry food items, camping, fishing and hunting supplies, a hardware store, several restaurants, a credit union, and a post office.

HISTORY: During the late 1870's, farmers settled in this area to provide fresh produce to gold prospectors in neighboring communities. Numerous hot springs in the area allowed cultivation year 'round. Those hot springs still heat homes, greenhouses and

resort swimming pools, and many are scattered in nearby forest service campgrounds, providing grandiose relaxation opportunities for visiting outdoor enthusiasts.

CLIMATE: Garden Valley sits at 3,150 feet in elevation and enjoys a four-season climate with an average July max of 88 and a January low of 17.5 degrees Fahrenheit. [Current weather information](#)

HOUSING: Some rentals are available in Garden Valley. The real estate market is booming with many older and newer houses for sale as well as vacant land from city size lots to large acreages available. A full range of housing choices are also available in the Greater Boise area.

SHOPPING, SERVICES AND ENTERTAINMENT:

Garden Valley limited range of shopping, businesses, medical, and professional services. There is a public library offering computer services. There are child care facilities in town and a public school system.

Garden Valley boasts the Starlight Mountain Theatre, which hosts a variety of performances year-round.

The Treasure Valley communities of Boise, Meridian, Eagle, Nampa, Caldwell and Ontario (Oregon) offer much in the way of expanded entertainment and shopping opportunities. Boise has a major airport offering commercial jet service.

RECREATION IN THE GARDEN VALLEY AND BOISE AREA: There are numerous recreational opportunities located in and around Garden Valley, including golfing, whitewater rafting, hunting, fishing, hiking, camping, visiting natural hot springs, snowmobiling, snowshoeing, cross country skiing, and horseback riding and the newest Snow Tubing hill in Idaho. Check the [GV Calendar](#) for upcoming events!

The Payette River is renowned for white-water rafting (class I to IV), kayaking and floating. Area lakes, reservoirs and streams provide many fishing opportunities. Outfitter and guide services are offered by several companies for river trips and for hunting. The primitive mountain area provides spectacular and abundant hunting (white-tailed and mule deer, upland birds, turkey, elk, bear, moose, and cougar). Miles of groomed trails and routes are prepared for snowmobiling. Down-hill skiing is available at Bogus Basin Ski Resort outside of Boise, Tamarack Resort at Cascade, and Brundage Mountain Resort near McCall. Hiking, off road vehicle use, horseback riding, camping, picnicking, rock hounding, prospecting, bird watching, photography, and hot springs all add to the immense opportunity for pleasure and adventure to be had by avid sportsmen and casual outdoor enthusiasts alike.

Many other recreational opportunities are available in and around the Boise area. The Boise River Greenbelt consists of 86 acres along 20 miles of the Boise River. Boise is also home to the World Center for Birds of Prey, the Idaho Botanical Garden, and the

Idaho Shakespeare Festival, Western Idaho State Fair, Les Bois Horse Racing, Idaho Ballet, and several event centers and theaters offering a complete range of concerts, shows, and other events.

Additional information on Garden Valley can be found at the Chamber of Commerce website: <http://www.gvchamber.org/> ; <http://www.gardenvalleyidaho.net/>

SURROUNDING AREAS

CROUCH: The tiny town of Crouch is incorporated into the Garden Valley community and its old buildings retain the rustic flavor of the old West. The community is on the Wildlife Canyon Scenic Byway, eight miles east of Highway 55. Twenty-two Mountain peaks tower over 7000 feet above the town while below it stretch meadows bisected by the meandering South Fork of the Payette River. Those meadows provide winter range to large herds of elk and deer and host numerous migratory birds such as Canadian geese, eagle, osprey, heron and hawks. Click on the underlined link for more information on the [mountains surrounding Crouch](#).

Boise: The capital and most populated city of Idaho, Boise is the third largest city in the Northwest, behind Portland and Seattle. Boise serves as the primary government, economic, cultural, and transportation center for the area. In 2006 Boise was ranked by Farmers insurance as the most secure place to live in America (www.wikipedia.org).

POPULATION: 211,473 Boise; 559,095 Ada & Canyon Counties

CLIMATE:

Elevation	2842 ft	Annual Mean Snowfall	20.9
Annual Average Temperature	51 F	Annual Mean Rainfall	12.11
January Average	22-36 F	Average Annual Wind Speed:	9 mph
July Average	58-90 F	Sunshine Days	234

EDUCATION:

Public Schools:	Elementary	34	Junior High	9
	High Schools	5	Boise State University	1

See <http://www.boiseschools.org/>, <http://www.meridianschools.org/>, and <http://www.idbsu.edu/> for more information. Private schools and charter schools are also available. See websites below.

DAY CARE: Multiple day care facilities available. See <http://www.thecityofboise.com/childcare/index.html> for more information

MEDICAL FACILITIES: St. Luke's Regional Medical Center, St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center, Idaho Elks Rehabilitation Hospital, Boise VA Medical Center. See <http://www.thecityofboise.com/hospital/index.html>, for more information.

CHURCHES: Large number of churches, many denominations. See <http://www.thecityofboise.com/church/index.html> for more information.

TRANSPORTATION: Boise Airport, Valley Ride bus service, multiple taxi cab services

REAL ESTATE INFORMATION: There are many home developments within the commuting area of Boise and the out lying areas of Sweet, New Plymouth, Eagle, Meridian, Star, Marsing, Kuna, Caldwell, Nampa, etc. Below is the multiple listing for the greater Boise area. You can also find many brokerage firms or real estate companies on the internet.

<http://www.mlslistingsonline.com/site/site.aspx?qZC=83713&qCity=Boise&qState=ID>

COMMUNITY AMENITIES

Boise Attractions: Boise City Zoo, Boise River Greenbelt; Idaho Botanical Garden; Bogus Basin Mountain Recreation Area and Ski Resort, World Center Birds of Prey

Sports Teams: BSU Broncos (college football), Hawks (minor league baseball), Idaho Steelheads (ECHL), Idaho Stampede (NBA D League)

Historic Sites and Museums: Old Idaho State Penitentiary, Basque Museum & Cultural Center, Boise Art Museum, Boise Train Depot, Idaho Black History Museum, Idaho Historical Museum, Idaho Military History Museum, Idaho Museum of Mining and Geology

Local Festivals: Art in the Park; Art and Roses; Aviation Festival; Bald Eagle Days; City Harvest; Gene Harris Jazz Festival; Idaho International Film Festival; Idaho Shakespeare Festival; Soul Food Extravaganza; True West Cinema Festival; Western Idaho Fair

Community Event Centers: Bank of America Center, Boise State Pavilion and Bronco Stadium, Idaho Center.

Websites to visit the Boise area:

<http://www.cityofboise.org/>

<http://www.thecityofboise.com/>

<http://www.city-data.com/>

<http://www.epodunk.com/>

